

Welcome

Welcome to the Preliminary Design Consultation for the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project.

PROJECT GOALS

The primary goals for the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project include:

- Safety improvements
- Reliability improvements
- Capacity improvements
- Project completion by late 2009
- Management of traffic flows during construction in order to minimize disruption and maximize predictability
- Completion of the project on time and on budget

Improvements will include highway widening and straightening, improved sightlines, passing lanes and other design innovations to reduce hazards, shorten travel times and increase capacity of the Sea-to-Sky Highway.

The Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project will result in the following:

- **West Vancouver to Lions Bay** - 4-lane sections with continuous median barrier including straightening, widening and improved sightlines (eliminating several sharp curves).
- **North of Lions Bay to Murrin Park** - 2, 3 and 4 lane sections; about half of this section includes improved 2 lanes, and the remaining sections include additional passing opportunities with 3 and 4 lanes. Those sections that are 4 lanes will include a median barrier to prevent crossover accidents. Sections adjacent to Murrin Park and within the community of Britannia will include improved 2-lane sections, which is consistent with community input from pre-design consultations. In Furry Creek, there will be 3 lanes moving to 4 lanes with a median barrier.
- **North of Murrin Park through Squamish** - 4-lane divided highway. This section will include median barriers throughout, including the addition of urban design features to the median within Squamish.
- **Squamish to Whistler** – 3 lanes throughout this section, including improved two-lane sections and alternating passing opportunities provided by alternating the third lane.



Community Consultation on Highway Improvements

CONSULTATION GOALS

The goals of the Preliminary Design Consultation are to:

1. Inform the community and stakeholders about the preliminary design options for improvements to the Sea-to-Sky Highway and about corridor-wide consultation.
2. Gather input and feedback regarding the preliminary design options for highway improvements from the community and stakeholders.
3. Summarize community and stakeholders' input for consideration by the Ministry of Transportation and the S2S Transportation Group. A Consultation Summary Report will be available on the website for consultation participants and other stakeholders.

CORRIDOR-WIDE CONSULTATION

The Ministry of Transportation (MoT) has consulted about the scope and nature of highway improvements over the last three years with communities, businesses and residents along the corridor.

As the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement project proceeds through various design stages and ultimately into construction, communities and key stakeholders will be consulted. The design stages include:

1. Project Definition Consultation
2. Pre-Design Consultation
3. **Preliminary Design Consultation (CURRENT STAGE)**
4. Detailed Design Consultation

Once consultation on preliminary design is complete, construction of the highway improvements will start. Community consultation on detailed design will be conducted prior to completion of the improvements.

Detailed design consultation generally involves the discussion of fewer but very specific treatments related to the final design, including such things as specific traffic calming and noise reduction features, shape and colour of light fixtures, and detailed landscaping and other aesthetic treatments. The detailed design stage involves relatively more financial and technical analysis than community consultation to ensure designs are financially and technically feasible.

Feedback

YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO US

The Ministry of Transportation (MoT) invites the public and stakeholders to provide input and feedback on preliminary design options for the Sea-to-Sky highway improvements. This input will be considered with financial and technical information.

Community and stakeholder input will be summarized in a Consultation Summary Report for consideration by the Ministry of Transportation (MoT) and the S2S Transportation Group. This report will also be available on the project website at www.seatoskyimprovements.ca.

Please complete the feedback form provided at the end of the discussion guide and return to the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project office by mail, fax or email.

STAYING INVOLVED

Here are the different ways you can follow the project, learn more and provide feedback:

Website:	www.seatoskyimprovements.ca	E-mail:	info@seatoskyimprovements.ca
Mailing Address:	1420 - 1111 West Georgia Street Vancouver B.C. V6E 4M3	Telephone:	604 775 1100
		Fax:	604 775 1144

Traffic Management

PROJECT GOAL:

One of the key goals is to manage traffic during construction to minimize disruption and maximize predictability.

Minimize disruption:

No highway closures:

- Friday noon through Sunday 10 pm
- During commuting hours 6 am - 9 am and 4 pm - 8 pm
- Canadian or U.S. statutory holidays
- December through February
- No daytime closures in peak summer months (mid-June to mid-September)

Maximize predictability:

- Establish a consistent schedule of highway closures and traffic delays
- Total delays should not exceed:
 - 30 minutes for trips between West Vancouver and Squamish,
 - 30 minutes for trips between Squamish and Whistler, and
 - 45 minutes for trips between West Vancouver and Whistler.
- Make the schedule available to local, regional and international highway user groups through a variety of travel planning tools available on the project website: www.seatoskyimprovements.ca



Travel tools:

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- **Weekly Schedule** – Weekly update on confirmed highway closures and delays
- **Seasonal Travel Planner** – A list of the available closure-delay windows for the current season
- **Closure & Delay Projections to 2009** – For longer-term travel planning, the maximum closure and delay periods allotted for construction through 2009
- **Road Alerts Service** – Frequent Sea-to-Sky Highway travellers can receive text message alerts about major or unscheduled events that affect highway travel
- **1-877-4SAFE99 (1-877-472-3399)** – plan a future trip or confirm the latest closure and delay news with our operators on the toll-free Project Information Line

The Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project's Traffic Management Plan has evolved through extensive consultation with communities and key stakeholders along the highway corridor.

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